

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. - 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A shower nozzle, ~~wherein~~ comprising:

a holding portion ~~having~~ defining a water flow passage
~~communicating with a hot/cold~~ having an water inlet ~~formed therein and~~;

a water spraying portion ~~having a plurality of~~ including water
passing holes ~~provided therein are connected to each other through~~;

an open/close valve fluidly connecting the holding portion to a
first end of the water spraying portion, said valve being detachably disposed at
~~one~~ the first end portion of the holding portion or an end of the water spraying
portion ~~to form a nozzle body~~;

a push button ~~[[is]]~~ mounted on the ~~other~~ second end of the water
spraying portion~~[[,]]~~ ; and

a shaft ~~which performs the open/close operation of the open/close~~
~~valve in an interlocking manner~~ interlocked with the push button ~~is arranged~~
and being disposed in the inside an interior of the water spraying portion, axial

movement of the shaft being is vertically movable in an interlocking manner
with the vertical movement generated caused by pushing the push button and
with the rotational movement which is generated by the rotation of the push
button, whereby a degree of opening of the open/close valve is adjustable,
wherein the shaft is constituted of an upper shaft arranged on the push button
side, a lower shaft arranged on the open/close valve side, and end portions of
the upper shaft and lower shaft are threadedly engaged with each other.

13. (Currently Amended) A shower nozzle ~~according to claim 12,~~
comprising:

a holding portion defining a water flow passage having an inlet;
a water spraying portion including water passing holes;
an open/close valve fluidly connecting the holding portion to a
first end of the water spraying portion, said valve being detachably disposed at
the first end portion of the holding portion or an end of the water spraying
portion;

a push button mounted on the second end of the water spraying
portion; and

a shaft interlocked with the push button and being disposed in an
interior of the water spraying portion, axial movement of the shaft being caused

by pushing the push button and rotational movement of the push button,
whereby a degree of opening of the open/close valve is adjustable,

wherein the push button and the ~~open/close~~ valve are detachably mounted, and wherein an upper end portion of the shaft and a lower end portion of the push button are threadedly engaged with each other.

14. (Currently Amended) A shower nozzle according to claim 13, wherein the spraying portion is adapted to detachably mount an upper cap is ~~detachably mounted on the other end portion of the water spraying portion, and either one of the mounting of the~~ in place of the ~~open/close valve and the push button and the mounting of the upper cap is selectable.~~

15. (Currently Amended) A shower nozzle ~~according to any one of claim 12 to 14,~~ comprising:

a holding portion defining a water flow passage having an inlet;
a water spraying portion including water passing holes;
an open/close valve fluidly connecting the holding portion to a
first end of the water spraying portion, said valve being detachably disposed at
the first end portion of the holding portion or an end of the water spraying
portion;

a push button mounted on the second end of the water spraying portion; and

a shaft interlocked with the push button and being disposed in an interior of the water spraying portion, axial movement of the shaft being caused by pushing the push button and rotational movement of the push button, whereby a degree of opening of the open/close valve is adjustable,

wherein an upper end portion of the shaft and a lower end portion of the push button are threadedly engaged with each other.

16. (Currently Amended) A shower nozzle ~~according to any one of claim 12 to 14,~~ comprising:

a holding portion defining a water flow passage having an inlet;

a water spraying portion including water passing holes;

an open/close valve fluidly connecting the holding portion to a first end of the water spraying portion, said valve being detachably disposed at the first end portion of the holding portion or an end of the water spraying portion;

a push button mounted on the second end of the water spraying portion; and

a shaft interlocked with the push button and being disposed in an interior of the water spraying portion, axial movement of the shaft being caused by pushing the push button and rotational movement of the push button, whereby a degree of opening of the open/close valve is adjustable,

wherein the push button and the valve are detachably mounted,

and

wherein the shaft is constituted of an upper shaft ~~which is~~ arranged on the push button side and a lower shaft ~~which is~~ arranged on the open/close valve side and, ~~at the same time,~~ end portions of the upper shaft and lower shaft are threadedly engaged with each other.

17. (Currently Amended) A shower nozzle ~~according to any one of~~ claims 12 to 14, comprising:

a holding portion defining a water flow passage having an inlet;

a water spraying portion including water passing holes;

an open/close valve fluidly connecting the holding portion to a first end of the water spraying portion, said valve being detachably disposed at the first end portion of the holding portion or an end of the water spraying portion;

a push button mounted on the second end of the water spraying portion; and

a shaft interlocked with the push button and being disposed in an interior of the water spraying portion, axial movement of the shaft being caused by pushing the push button and rotational movement of the push button, whereby a degree of opening of the open/close valve is adjustable,

wherein a nozzle body is comprised of the holding portion, the water, spraying portion and the open/close valve, and

wherein a portion of the nozzle body except for at least the water passing holes is covered with a detachable cover to which a surface treatment is applied and which also constitutes a separate body.

18-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A shower nozzle ~~according to any one of claims 12 to 14,~~ comprising:

a holding portion defining a water flow passage having an inlet;

a water spraying portion including water passing holes;

an open/close valve fluidly connecting the holding portion to a first end of the water spraying portion, said valve being detachably disposed at

the first end portion of the holding portion or an end of the water spraying portion;

a push button mounted on the second end of the water spraying portion; and

a shaft interlocked with the push button and being disposed in an interior of the water spraying portion, axial movement of the shaft being caused by pushing the push button and rotational movement of the push button, whereby a degree of opening of the open/close valve is adjustable,

wherein with respect to the plurality of water passing holes formed in the water spraying portion, the water passing holes which are positioned at an uppermost portion and a lowermost portion of the water spraying portion are formed to have a diameter ~~[[large]]~~ larger than a diameter of other water passing holes.

21. (Currently Amended) A shower nozzle ~~according to any one of claims 12 to 14,~~ comprising:

a holding portion defining a water flow passage having an inlet;

a water spraying portion including water passing holes;

an open/close valve fluidly connecting the holding portion to a first end of the water spraying portion, said valve being detachably disposed at

the first end portion of the holding portion or an end of the water spraying portion;

a push button mounted on the second end of the water spraying portion; and

a shaft interlocked with the push button and being disposed in an interior of the water spraying portion, axial movement of the shaft being caused by pushing the push button and rotational movement of the push button, whereby a degree of opening of the open/close valve is adjustable,

wherein in the inside of the water spraying portion, a volume reducing unit which reduces a volume in which a staying water to be communicated with the water spraying holes stays when the shower nozzle is arranged vertically ~~is arranged~~.

22. (New) A shower nozzle comprising:

a holding portion defining a water flow passage having an inlet;

a water spraying portion including water passing holes;

an open/close valve fluidly connecting the holding portion to a first end of the water spraying portion, said valve being detachably disposed at the first end portion of the holding portion or an end of the water spraying portion;

a push button mounted on the second end of the water spraying portion; and

a shaft interlocked with the push button and being disposed in an interior of the water spraying portion, axial movement of the shaft being caused by pushing the push button and rotational movement of the push button, whereby a degree of opening of the open/close valve is adjustable,

wherein the push button and the open/close valve are detachably mounted,

wherein a nozzle body is comprised of the holding portion, the water, spraying portion and the open/close valve, and

wherein a portion of the nozzle body except for at least the water passing holes is covered with a detachable cover to which a surface treatment is applied and which also constitutes a separate body.

23. (New) A shower nozzle comprising:

a holding portion defining a water flow passage having an inlet;

a water spraying portion including water passing holes;

an open/close valve fluidly connecting the holding portion to a first end of the water spraying portion, said valve being detachably disposed at

the first end portion of the holding portion or an end of the water spraying portion;

a push button mounted on the second end of the water spraying portion; and

a shaft interlocked with the push button and being disposed in an interior of the water spraying portion, axial movement of the shaft being caused by pushing the push button and rotational movement of the push button, whereby a degree of opening of the open/close valve is adjustable,

wherein the push button and the open/close valve are detachably mounted, and

wherein with respect to the water passing holes formed in the water spraying portion, the water passing holes which are positioned at an uppermost portion and a lowermost portion of the water spraying portion are formed to have a diameter larger than a diameter of other water passing holes.

24. (New) A shower nozzle, comprising:

a holding portion defining a water flow passage having an inlet;

a water spraying portion including water passing holes;

an open/close valve fluidly connecting the holding portion to a first end of the water spraying portion, said valve being detachably disposed at

the first end portion of the holding portion or an end of the water spraying portion;

a push button mounted on the second end of the water spraying portion; and

a shaft interlocked with the push button and being disposed in an interior of the water spraying portion, axial movement of the shaft being caused by pushing the push button and rotational movement of the push button, whereby a degree of opening of the open/close valve is adjustable,

wherein the push button and the open/close valve are detachably mounted, and

wherein in the inside of the water spraying portion, a volume reducing unit which reduces a volume in which a staying water to be communicated with the water spraying holes stays when the shower nozzle is arranged vertically.

25. (New) A shower nozzle according to claim 16, 22, 23 or 24 wherein the spraying portion is adapted to mount an upper cap in place of the valve and the push button.